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MEETING MINUTES -- MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON OUTDOOR RECREATION

Date and Time: Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 11:30 AM

*** This meeting will be held in person with a virtual option. ***

The Physical Location for this meeting was: Bryan Building, 701. S. Stewart Street, 2nd Floor, Tahoe Conference Room, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Video Recording of the Full Meeting: http://dcnr.nv.gov/divisions-boards/NDOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead called the March 24 meeting of the Nevada Advisory Board on Outdoor Recreation to order at 11:34AM, introducing herself and providing a brief biography about her work as an educator, and stating her excitement about the Lieutenant Governor's role as the chair of the advisory board and the 36th Lieutenant Governor of Nevada.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER	Representation	Attendance
Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead, Chair	Office of Lieutenant Governor	Present
Kostan Lathouris	Nevada Indian Commission	Absent
Mauricia Baca	Education	Present
Amy Berry	Conservation	Present
Bob Potts for Michael Brown	Governor's Office of Economic Development	Present
Bradley Crowell	Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources	Present
Robert Mergell	Nevada Division of State Parks	Present
Dr. Andrew Pasternak	Public Health	Present
Brenda Scolari	Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs	Present
Mario Walther	Outdoor Recreation Industry	Absent
Tony Wasley	Nevada Department of Wildlife	Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead requested public comment. There were none.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Attorney General Anthony Walsh confirmed that the meeting was noticed and agendized properly according to NRS 241. A technical glitch prevented sound for those online for approximately 1 minute, 30 seconds, which was corrected.

5. STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (SCORP)

Janice Keillor, Nevada Division of State Parks, began, and then re-started due to the technical challenge, an overview of the status and process of revising Nevada's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2022-2026. Current SCORP linked here: http://parks.nv.gov/forms/Nevada_Comprehensive_Outdoor_Recreation_Plan_2016-2021.pdf Ms. Keillor updated about the status of the SCORP, and its being in the final stages of completion and approvals before its submission to the National Park Service and translated into Spanish. Ms. Keillor reminded the board that the SCORP is necessary for the State to participate in the Land and Water Conservation Fund stateside grantmaking program, which supports outdoor recreation in Nevada. Deputy Director Bob Potts shared excitement that the surveys created original data and research that is valuable. Director Brad Crowell acknowledged the evolution of the State's SCORPs, and a discussion about the relationship between Nevada's and other states' SCORPs took place.

6. PRESENTATION ABOUT NEVADA OUTDOOR RECREATION SHARED STEWARDSHIP AGREEEMENT

Cheva Gabor, Nevada State Liaison, Intermountain Region, US Forest Service provided an overview of the Nevada Agreement for Outdoor Recreation Shared Stewardship, signed by Governor Sisolak and state and federal land management agencies on March 23, 2022. Ms. Gabor provided an historical context for the genesis of the Shared Stewardship agreement and how an interagency working group came to develop a framework for agreement. She continued with a description of the primary elements that precipitated the agreement: an expressed need to coordinate and collaborate between federal and state agencies to address and manage for outdoor recreation; creation of the Division of Outdoor Recreation; a need and desire expressed by Director Brad Crowell to coordinate with federal agencies about outdoor recreation investments; and the capacity provided by having a Nevada Liaison from the Intermountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service. Next steps following the Shared Stewardship agreement's signing include interagency collaboration to develop an action-oriented strategic plan.

7. DIVISION AND ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

Administrator Colin Robertson provided updates on division activities, partnerships, opportunities and challenges. First, Administrator Robertson formally acknowledged and welcomed Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead to the Advisory Board. He introduced Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation Deputy Administrator Matthew Weintraub, who introduced himself and gave a brief biographic background about himself and initial efforts he's undertaking in the Division. Administrator Robertson yielded time for the members of the Advisory Board who signed the Nevada Agreement for Outdoor Recreation Shared Stewardship to discuss the importance of the agreement from their agency perspectives. Administrator Robertson acknowledged Cheva Gabor, US Forest Service Intermountain Region Nevada Liaison, for her leadership to complete the shared stewardship agreement, and described its importance as a precedent for the revisions of Recreation Management Plans and Forest Plans on federally managed public lands in Nevada. Robertson continued with an overview of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds coming to Nevada by way of the Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Robertson mentioned an outdoor recreation roundtable discussion taking place in Ely, Nevada on March 30, and a workshop related to the regulation drafting for SB52 taking place in Baker on March 31. He summarized a pair of events taking place April 12 and 13 with the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators and the Outdoor Industry Association. Finally, Robertson shared some information about the health implications of outdoor recreation, and the possibilities of collaborations with Advisory Board Member Dr. Andrew Pasternak and the Nevada State Medical Association and the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, among others.

8. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE, FOR NEXT MEETING(S) –

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead, Chair, asked Advisory Board members about recommendations for future meeting agenda items, prospective dates, and locations for the next meeting. Topics proposed for future meetings included: a) an overview of the federal land management agencies' recreation programs, needs, and challenges; b) a presentation about approaches to tourism destination marketing in contrast to tourism destination management as it relates to outdoor recreation; c) one or more presentations about the importance, needs, opportunities and challenges associated with improving equitable access to outdoor recreation for underrepresented communities and making efforts to ensure all people more equitably enjoy the benefits of outdoor recreation; d) a proposal to include a

field trip in the next meeting, possibly in a Nevada gateway community such as in the Ely-Baker-White Pine County area following the centennial celebration of Great Basin National Park later this year; e) a presentation about UNR Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and its increasing focus on urban youth. Administrator Robertson will send a doodle poll to the Advisory Board to identify the next meeting date.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead requested public comment. There were none.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead requested a motion to adjourn. Administrator Robert Mergell moved to adjourn; Deputy Director Bob Potts seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:20PM.

Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Website at: http://dcnr.nv.gov/ and https://notice.nv.gov/

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